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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER IN CORE-COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the beating death of a man on a Core-Columbia street.

At approximately 11:55 p.m., officers were dispatched to a report of a man beating another man with a crutch in the 800 block of 'F' Street. Officers and paramedics found the victim in medical distress, and paramedics attempted lifesaving measures before transporting him to a trauma center. The victim died at 12:50 a.m.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that several witnesses observed an argument between the victim and suspect on the south sidewalk of 'F' Street. During the argument, the suspect picked up a crutch, believed to belong to the homeless victim, and beat him with it. After the attack, the suspect walked away and was last seen in the area of Seventh Avenue and 'G' Street.

The suspect is described as a Latino male, 30's, 5'10", 170 pounds, with a mustache and a sparse beard. The victim has not yet been identified, and the motive for the attack is not known.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-TIPS.

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